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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DELAYS IN PROCESSING OF TRANSIT TRAFFIC AT DREWITZ

1. BEGINNING AT APPROXIMATELY 1000 LOCAL FEBRUARY 16
OUTBOUND CIVILIAN PASSENGER VEHICLES BEGAN TO EXPERIENCE
DELAYS IN PROCESSING AT EAST GERMAN CHECKPOINT DREWITZ. TRAFFIC
VOLUME WAS NORMAL FOR A SATURDAY MORNING AND DELAYS
APPEAR TO RESULT FROM FACT THAT ONLY THREE PROCESSING
LANES WERE IN OPERATION. BY NOON BACKLOG OF SOME 600
CARS HAD BUILT UP AND AT 1230 EAST GERMANS OPENED THREE
ADDITIONAL LANES. BY 1400 PROCESSING TIMES HAD RETURNED
TO NORMAL AND ONLY SOME 60 TO 70 VEHICLES WERE IN
CHECKPOINT AREA. DELAYS TO INDIVIDUAL VEHICLES RAN
APPROXIMATELY 45 MINUTES TO HOUR AND HALF. INCOMING
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TRAFFIC WAS NOT AFFECTED AND WE HAVE NO REPORTS OF

ALLIED TRAVELLERS BEING DELAYED.

2. SENAT HAS ISSUED PRESS STATEMENT SAYING THAT IT TAKES SITUATION SERIOUSLY, HAS INFORMED FRG, EXPECTS MATTER TO BE TAKEN UP IN TRANSIT COMMISSION AND EXPECTS GDR TO FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS. ALLIED PRESS SPOKESMAN WILL STATE IF ASKED "WE HAVE REPORTS OF DELAYS TO OUT-BOUND TRAFFIC AT DREWITZ THIS MORNING BUT UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION HAS RETURNED TO NORMAL."

3. USCOB CONCURS.KLEIN

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